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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the *Senate Bill 1055 (Raised) An Act Concerning Gifted and Talented Students*. I live in Riverside (Greenwich), where my children have benefited from a public school system that identifies and serves its advanced learners through a program specifically designed to address their needs. However, I am aware that we are fortunate and that there are many other communities in our State who do not, in spite of our General Statutes, do this important work. Having someone at the State Department of Education committed to coordinating gifted and talented services and to enforcing the law is critical to improving the education outcomes of so many children. It could be especially impactful in the education of those who are most at risk of being underserved: students in our lowest socioeconomic circumstances.

I thank you for your time and for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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